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IN THIS ISSUE

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BEHIND THE SCENES

In the work of editing and publishing a magazine such as this, there is much more detail work than the average person realizes. Among those who assist the editor is Mr. Paul E. Thomas, master printer, who is a constant source of help in the matter of types, and sizes of type, and in the planning of the pages. Pre-war he furnished us with many photographs and he has just begun to do so again. Mr. Thomas was with the M.P.H. from April 1946 until September this year. He is now back with the Methodist Mission for a few months.

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ATTENTION

It is absolutely necessary that all main articles must be in the hands of the Editors by the beginning of the month if they are to appear in that month's issue.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Nov. 29	Cambridge Exams begin
Dec. 3.	Day Schools Close
Dec. 9	A.C.G.S. Penang Parents Day and Exhibition
Dec. 10	A.C.G.S. Penang Promotion and Closing Programme
Dec. 10.	Trinity College Class Sessions Close
Dec. 13	Trinity College Exam Week
	1949
Jan. 3	Trinity College Second Term Opens
Jan. 10	Day Schools Open

OUR NEXT ISSUE

will be the January-February number published February 1st.

OUR BOOK ROOM

The Methodist Book Room, Singapore, shifted to its new quarters, No. 12, Mt. Sophia, the 1st of June. It is now located in the house known as the "Tower House," which stands opposite the Upper School Building of the Methodist Girls School. Its new location gives the Book Room a much better opportunity for book and picture displays. For Singapore residents it is accessible by car on Mt. Sophia Road; for those who do not have their own conveyance we suggest coming to the back of the Cathay Building and using the steps up the hill. The telephone number is the same, namely 82544.

Meditation Resources

"Seek a convenient time of leisure for thyself, and meditate often upon God's loving kindness."
—Thomas a Kempis.

The Magnificat

"My soul doth magnify the Lord,
And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath looked upon the low estate of his handmaiden:
For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his name.
And his mercy is unto generations and generations on them that fear him.
He hath shewed strength with his arm;
He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their heart.
He hath put down princes from their thrones,
And hath exalted them of low degree.
The hungry he hath filled with good things;
And the rich he hath sent empty away.
He hath holpen Israel his servant, that he might remember mercy
(As he spake unto our fathers) toward Abraham and his seed for ever."

—*Luke* 1:46-55

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"The time draws near the birth of Christ:
The moon is hid; the night is still;
The Christmas bells from hill to hill
Answer each other in the mist."

—Alfred Tennyson

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"When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy." —*Matthew* 2:10

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"Star of the East! show us the way
In wisdom undefiled
To seek that manger out and lay
Our gifts before the child—
To bring our hearts and offer them
Unto our King in Bethlehem!"

—Eugene Field

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"And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins."

—Matthew 1:21.

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"He comes to break the barriers down raised up by barren creeds;
About the globe from zone to zone, like sunlight he proceeds;
He comes to give the World's starved heart the perfect love it needs."

—Harry Kemp

"And thou Bethlehem, land of Judah,
Art in no wise least among the princes of Judah:
For out of thee shall come forth a governor,
Who shall be shepherd of my people Israel."

—*Matthew 2:6 quoted from Micah 5:2*

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"O Little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by:
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee to-night."
"O holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray:
Cast out our sins, and enter in,
Be born in us to-day.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us.
Our Lord Emmanuel." —Philips Brooks

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"And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold and frankincense, and myrrh." —*Matthew* 2:11

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"What gifts of love, O Master, can I bring:
Plain gifts that would be mine alone to give?
Prophetic gifts that would be mine alone to give?
Prophetic gifts to tell how I would die,
Significant of how I, too, shall live?
The golden gifts of love, perhaps, dear Lord,
As homage freely laid before Thy feet;
The frankincense of selflessness, the myrrh
Of kindness, fragrant, sweet.
Accept my gifts today as if they were
Gold and frankincense and myrrh."

—Grace Noll Crowell

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Prayer

"O Father God, who leadest the races of men by thy marvellous hand, we thank thee that two thousand years ago thou didst send thy Son to this earth, giving a thrill of glory to this worn and weary world, and that thou didst reveal the way of salvation through love and the cross. But we have failed to understand this great mystery and are driven mad with our struggles and dissensions. From the depths of our hearts we repent, and like the Wise Men of old, we press forward, with our eyes fixed on the Radiant Star! Amen."

—Toyohiko Kagawa

(Suggestions to our Readers: Do not read this page at one sitting. Turn to it again and again. Read the Magnificat and the prayer each time and then meditate on one of the quotations, be it verse or prose. Only so can the fullest use be made of such a page of Resources.—Ed.)

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EDITORIAL

WE RETURN TO BETHLEHEM

AGAIN THIS YEAR THE CHRISTIANS in Malaya will join with Christians all over the world in the annual pilgrimage to Bethlehem. The instinct to go to Bethlehem appears never to fail in its anticipations. For several months before the time, the glow of its fervour is seen ever more brightly until it burns with the fire of a great enthusiasm. In our Churches and also in the day schools the anticipation of Christmas is one of the loveliest experiences of the Christian year, and we make this pilgrimage in imagination to the home village of David in the foot-hills of Judea.

Why has this little town surpassed in its drawing power the glory of ancient Rome? Why has it survived the matchless achievements of Corinth, once the mistress of the seas? Why has it triumphed over Athens, the mother of the most incomparable intelligence mankind has seen in a thousand generations of men? Why has it endured even beyond Jerusalem? Corinth like Rome was a soldier's city. Athens was an artists' town and the abode of philosophers. Jerusalem was the city of the prophets. Bethlehem was only the birth-place of a Child. But not just a child; all villages have that distinction. It was the birth place of one *"Who shall save His people from their sins."*

So Bethlehem stands even today as the symbol of the place where God gave Himself to men in the form of a little baby and has become a symbol of fulfilment. It was over Bethlehem hills the world heard for the first time that paean of joy

"Peace on Earth
Goodwill unto men."

Increasingly we appreciate that only in its realization can the abundant life be brought to a stricken world.

THE WORLD'S GREATEST NEWS STORY

AT CHRISTMAS TIME EVERY CHRISTIAN demonstrates anew his faith in the belief that God has never taken His hand off this world, nor left His children alone. This simple story of the soul in its search for God is written in the dark forests of Africa; it is found among the ponderous stones of that huge circle on the hill at Stonehenge; it is found in the pitiful stumbling way of the multitudes on the banks of the Ganges River, and in the worship of those who kneel before the high altar in St. Peter's in Rome and in the altars of our humblest churches; everywhere and always mankind knew and knows that he must have help in this matter of sin, it cannot be evaded. No code of morals will satisfy it. Deep down in the human soul abides the conscious need of a Saviour. Into that sacred place no one but God in Christ can come; and He is willing to come!

His is a name above every name! He has kept for ever abreast and ahead of every succeeding age. Rituals, creeds, dogmas, doctrines, churches and priesthoods come and go but sin never changes, and the world of today and tomorrow needs this same Saviour just as it did in the days of St. Paul.

CHRISTMAS AND THE DISCOVERY OF GOD

GOD CAME TO LIGHT AND LIFE at Bethlehem. Every new Christmas offers another revealing light on the central problem of life - how and where to find God. One would think, speaking from the standpoint of our achievements in science and mechanical things, that after so many centuries of Christian experience man would be wise in the ways of God. But the sad and actual fact is that this Christmas Season will find the vast majority of people no better prepared for the entrance of Christ into their lives and no wiser in the ways of God than were the general run of people in the first century.

In Bethlehem so long ago God took the initiative. He sent His Son to make contact with man, to open the door, to bring men into fellowship with the Most High. He sent Jesus not to some ivory palace but into the very midst of humble life, in fact He was born in a stable. We see by this that it is not only hearts that are restless for God but that His heart is restless for us. John put it so poignantly, *"He came unto his own but his own received him not."* He is in the world and the world knows him not.

God is beyond the reach of our mediocre lives. A chasm separates us. Man must be awakened and lifted up and over this chasm. It is here that we turn once more to Bethlehem with hope. It is to Bethlehem that we must turn if we are to climb the steep ascent to heaven. God comes to us again this year in the everlasting newness of the message of Christmas. Come, then, and let us join the endless procession of the ages and make our way in humbleness *"and see this thing which is come to pass which the Lord hath made known unto us."*

A Lovely Starlit Night

All on a lovely starlit night,
In Bethlehem was born
The Lord and Saviour of mankind
To usher in the morn
Of an eternal brotherhood,
A world-wide reign of love,
And found the Kingdom of our God,
Inspired in Heaven above.

—C. F. Skilling.

Events of Interest

METHODIST NEWS FROM BURMA

The Rev. H. J. Harwood, the indefatigable secretary of the Burma Christian Council and a senior Missionary of our Church, regularly issues a bulletin for the information of friends of the Burma Conference. Among the news items in his July Bulletin are the following:

The Kingswood School became a union institution in March, in which both Methodists and Baptists are participating. The Union Christian High School in Rangoon has opened its 2nd year of work with marked advance and great satisfaction in working together.

During the absence of the Secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society in Burma, the Rev. H. J. Harwood is giving part time as Acting-Secretary.

The Church World Service has done an immense amount of good in sending large shipments of used clothing, blankets, mosquito nets, medicines and other supplies. Nearly a million dollars worth (Straits currency) of such supplies were received in 1947.

In contrast to our general opening in Malaya the day schools in Burma open around May 20th each year. There remains in Burma an alarming dearth of educational opportunity for young people, a lack that seems to meet little consideration in Government planning and for which, says Mr. Harwood, "a large price will inevitably be paid in the social deterioration of the coming generation of young adults."

The two Burma Conference delegates to the General Conference, the Rev. U. On Kim, and U. Lin Sein, left America and came by way of Denmark to put in some weeks of field observation and study of agricultural co-operatives and rural school work as a help for their work in Burma.

The new parsonage at Della has just been completed and occupied by the Rev. and Mrs. Thangaraj. He is pastor of the Tamil work in that district. It makes a handsome improvement in the modest property of the Methodist center there. Near it stands a neat and compact little dispensary building, which even contains bed space for one or two emergency in-patient cases, and which will greatly facilitate the medical service Mr. Thangaraj renders daily in that large and needy community.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

IN THE MALAYSIA MESSAGE

The Editor, Dr. W. G. Shellabear, states that Penang's first Methodist church is to be dedicated in November. He mentions the visit of Dr. Schreiber, the Director of the Rhenish Missionary Society who had just come from Germany to visit the Missions of his Society in Sumatra Borneo, and China. He states that Dr. Schreiber preached in German at the Presbyterian Church to a good congregation - evidently at that time there was a large German community in Singapore. Dr. B. F. West, District Superintendent of the Penang District, mentions difficulties they were experiencing on opening work at Nibong Tebal. He states: "At first we were enthusiastically received and crowds attended our services. In a few weeks however, a spirit of opposition developed. The attendance at our services was reduced to one or two. We started a vernacular school and got a boy and two girls, but after two weeks the girls were withdrawn. The water-carrier became disaffected and refused to bring water to the preacher's house.'

NEWS OF THE CHRISTIAN WORLD

SAN PAULO, BRAZIL. Leopoldo Ayres, formerly a Roman priest, has warned Protestants that recent events in Spain may be a forerunner of increasing restrictions against them in other countries where Roman Catholicism is the prevailing religion. "Protestants" he concluded, "must take care."

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ATLANTA, GEORGIA. Approximately 100 Atlanta churches are in the process of erecting new buildings or enlarging their present edifices. Outstanding among the work recently completed is the new educational building of St. Mark's Methodist Church, which matches in architecture the beautiful granite sanctuary to which it is joined.

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ELSINORE, DENMARK. This city, famous all over the world because of Shakespeare's *Hamlet*, has an international high school which attracts young people from many countries. This summer it had enrolled 100 students. In addition to 40 from Denmark there were young people from Norway, Sweden, England, Holland, France, Germany, India, and one each from the U.S.A., Belgium, and Jamaica. One of the ideas on which the school is based is that all students shall become familiar with everyday life in Denmark.

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FRIBOURG, SWITZERLAND. Late in July about 100 delegates from 15 countries attended the Conference sponsored by the International Council of Christians and Jews. The purpose of the Conference was to discuss means of fighting intolerance and misunderstanding.

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OKLAHOMA CITY. The Methodist Church known as St. Mark's, now standing in an old section of the city and a low-income residential area, has launched out into what they called "St. Mark's enlarged parish". Throughout this area are scattered 4 "white chapels" in which play programmes and Sunday schools attract a conglomerate variety of children: pagan, Protestant, Roman, Jewish, white, negro and Mexican. The chapels are painted gleaming white; their spires and crosses mark them as symbols of something finer than the surrounding squalour. Inside they are immaculate, dignified, churchly. They were built and painted by neighbourhood volunteers. Each "white chapel" is in charge of a resident pastor and his wife. The pastor has a job during the day time to help support his family and he is on hand evenings and Sundays, and his wife on call at all times. The entire programme of these chapels, through individual and cooperative efforts, builds personality and character.

The Builders of Fairfield School

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On the left, Miss Mary Olson, the builder of the main Building; on the right, Miss Carrie Kenyon the builder of the Annexe.

Fairfield Girls' School Celebrates Its Sixtieth Anniversary

We present here the History of the School as read by the Principal, Mrs. Lim Bock Kee, at the Jubilee Programme

TODAY WHEN WE CELEBRATE this occasion we feel it is also fitting to do honour to the memory of our Founder and some of our former heads and teachers who have endeavoured to make the school what it is today. We are very happy that one of our former principals, Miss Lila Corbett, and one of our former music teachers, Mrs. Sylvia Thomas, are able to be with us this evening.

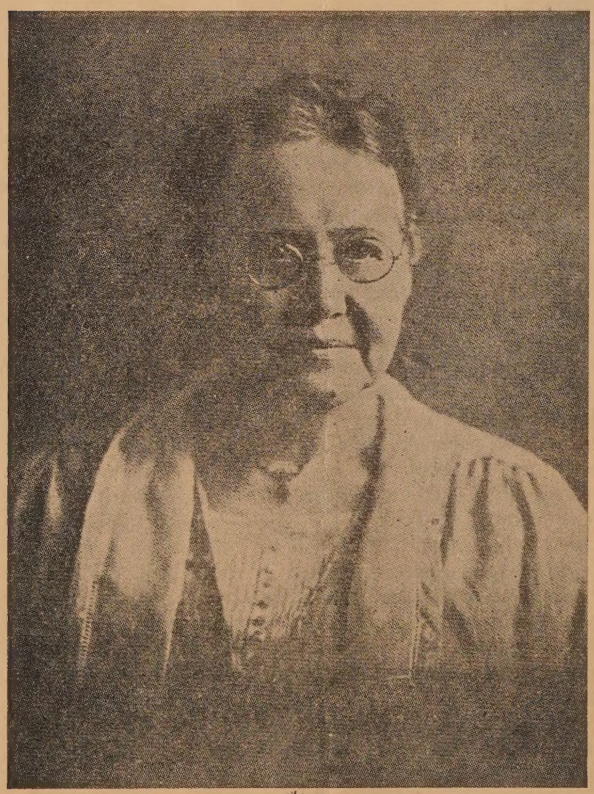
Sixty years ago Miss Sophia Blackmore, a pioneer woman missionary of the Methodist Mission, founded Fairfield Girls' School with eight Chinese girls in a little room at Cross Street. This was about two years after Bishop Oldham had started the Methodist Mission in Singapore. Today we have an enrolment of 764 girls in 19 classes and a staff of 22 teachers. Many of our teachers are our Old Girls. Shortage of accommodation forces us to turn away girls who come to seek admission to our school from day to day to the parents' great disappointment.

In those days Telok Ayer was a district where many well-to-do Chinese families lived in long houses with the front door in one street and the back door in another. Miss Blackmore visited this locality so frequently that the little pony of her carriage knew all the turns in the streets. When she asked for their girls to be educated they laughed at her. They said learning was for boys and not for girls. But Miss Blackmore did not give up the idea. As she went about visiting the Chinese homes she felt more and more the need of a school for Chinese girls. But she met with little encouragement. After a time she was even taken for a spy because stringent rules had been made against gambling by women and it was thought that the Government had chosen a white woman to act as a spy. However this suspicion was short lived and the Chinese women were soon convinced that Miss Blackmore was no spy but a teacher.

Miss Blackmore had great difficulty in getting a house in which to start a school. She tried to get some help from the Chinese gentlemen whom she knew but no one paid any attention to her scheme. One day Miss Blackmore and Mrs. Leicester were walking along Cross Street when they met a Chinese lady standing at the door of her house. The lady spoke to them and invited them in. Miss Blackmore told her that she was looking for a house for a girls' school. The lady agreed to rent her front room for a school. So in August 1888 the school was started with 8 Chinese girls. It was slow work and was first known as Telok Ayer Girls' School. Miss Emma Ferris who joined the Methodist Mission on half salary in 1892 took a great interest in the school. When the front room was turned into a shop by its owner for better rent she rented a corner house for the school. Later Miss Ferris married Dr. Shellabear. We are very glad that among our audience this evening is a daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Shellabear, Mrs. Robert Blasdell.

The Telok Ayer Girls' School developed into the present Fairfield Girls' School under the capable hands of Miss Mary Olson. At first the building was rented and it was moved frequently. In 1911 Miss Mary Olson began to build the front part of this building and in 1912 the school moved into it. Ten years later when Chinese parents began to realize that girls as well as boys

The Cast of "The Mischievous Fairy" written and directed by Mrs. L. Harper and given at the Fairfield Jubilee Programme



The late Miss Sophia Blackmore, Founder of Fairfield. She came to Malaya in 1887 and retired in 1928 in Australia where she died on 3rd. July, 1945

should be taught in schools, another block consisting of 6 classrooms and this hall was added to the main building. It was declared open by Lady Guillemard. The school is named Fairfield in memory of a New England man who gave U.S. $5,000 to its building fund.

In 1936 the enrolment again outgrew the school building and Miss Carrie Kenyon, one of our beloved principals, added on an additional building containing 4 classrooms and a drill hall. When the War broke out in December 1941 we had an enrolment of 650 girls and our school was one of the best equipped schools in Malaya.

Then came the dark period when the school building was occupied by the Military and everything lost or destroyed except our grand piano which was recovered through the help of Mrs. Rajah, formerly Miss Mercy Thevathasan, one of our pre-war teachers who is now furthering her studies in England.

The Fairies in the Fairy Glade

Fairfield Primaries hard at work

AFTER THE LIBERATION we re-opened on the 1st of October 1945 at Pearls' Hill School. Before this date 730 pupils were registered but we could only start with 600 for shortage of accommodation and teaching staff. Those of our teachers who were on the spot, our faithful school clerk and our old gardener rallied to the call and have since loyally served the school.

Thanks to the generous help of the Government and of the Methodist Mission our present building was rendered fit and furnished for reoccupation and on the 4th of June 1946 we moved back to the great joy of pupils and teachers alike. We are also grateful for voluntary contributions by our pupils and their parents, by some of our Old Girls and some friends of the school. This enabled us to speed up the rehabilitation of the school. But we still have some needs. Free and nourishing soup supplied by the Government Health Department has improved the health of our girls, especially the younger ones who have put on weight owing to the daily soup feeds.

The girls who rejoined the school after the Liberation have been doubly keen to make up what was denied to them during the past 4 years, and in January 1946 two of our girls were awarded Certificates of Merit at the Poster Competition for Schools Savings Day. Last year 4 of our upper Standard girls were awarded prizes at the Inter-School Art Exhibition and one of them secured a gold medal. Last December we held our 1st Post War Exhibition and Sale of Handwork which was declared open by Mrs. Edwin F. Lee. One of our exhibits was specially commended and selected by Lady Gimson.

The teaching of Chinese has been re-introduced since July 1946 and Domestic Science since February 1947.

We are very glad that we have been able to bring the standard of the school almost to its pre-war level owing to the loyal co-operation and untiring effort of the staff who always have the interest of the pupils and the school at heart. As an evidence of the loyalty and devotion of our teachers is this little piece of interesting information. The play which follows was written during the war by Mrs. Harper, one of our teachers, when she was homesick for Fairfield. She wrote it, fully believing that when the War was over she would have the opportunity of having it acted by the Fairfield Girls' School girls. Today it has come true.

The history of Fairfield Girls' School would be incomplete without mentioning the name of Bishop Edwin F. Lee. Fairfield Girls' School is one of the schools that benefitted by his untiring efforts to improve the Methodist Mission schools in Malaya.

We all realize that to live up to the ideals of our Founder, Miss Sophia Blackmore, the rehabilitation of the school means not only renovating the building and re-equiping it, not only restoring the pre-war school standard but also teaching our girls such ideals of Right Living as Honesty, Purity, Modesty, Service to others and Peace and Goodwill.

We are proud to say, that the girls who passed through our school have proved to be useful and law-abiding citizens in all walks of life. We realize that we have inherited a worthy past and it is our duty not only to maintain it but also to endeavour to add to its honour in the future.

Among the congratulatory messages the School received from friends and well-wishers of the school is a letter from the Hon'able Mr. H. R. Cheeseman, Director of Education of the Federation of Malaya.

24th September, 1948.

Dear Mrs. Lim Bock Kee,

This note is not written to you because you were once a student of mine. It is written to you in your official capacity as Principal of Fairfield Girls' School.

The card of invitation to the Diamond Jubilee of the School struck a very pleasing chord of recollection. I always had a soft spot in my heart for Fairfield Girls' School. The happy family spirit to be found there delighted me. I used to look forward to my monthly visits.

I have no longer any official connection with your school so that you can be quite sure that I write not from a sense of duty but from genuine affection and regard for Fairfield Girls' School.

Honour and praise to Fairfield Girls' School for its past; congratulations and greetings for its present Diamond Jubilee; and best wishes and sincere hopes for its future, that the "pure and honest" service of this school for Singapore girlhood may continue and extend.

Yours sincerely,
H. R. Cheeseman (C.M.G.)

Time for a glass of milk!

HERE AND THERE in Malayan Methodism . . .

Rev. and Mrs. Lucius Mamoera

Kapit

Batak Missionary remarries. The Rev. Lucius Mamoera came to Singapore from Kapit in early October for his first leave since he joined our Mission staff there in 1939. He remained in Singapore for several weeks with his little son Satia visiting his elder son, Borne, who lives in the Oldham Hall and is a student of the A.C.S.

Mr. Mamoera went to Malacca during the last part of October and was married on Monday morning, November 1st, to Miss Tiominar Pohan, daughter of the Rev. Miliater Pohan of Kisaran, Sumatra. Miss Pohan has had three years of nursing training in Medan and had come to Malaya in May and joined the nursing staff of the Malacca Hospital for further training. Mr. Mamoera and Miss Pohan have known each other for many years and their marriage was the culmination of 6 months courtship by correspondence. The marriage was held in the Wesley Church, Malacca at 10 a.m. The Rev. Carleton Foss, pastor, officiated. Immediately after the wedding a reception was held in the Kubu Road A.C.S. building, and then after the wedding tiffin at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. Foss they returned to Singapore.

On Tuesday afternoon, November 2nd, their Singapore friends gave them a reception in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Hobart B. Amstutz, when about 40 Singapore pastors, wives, school principals, and others were present to wish them well. Mr. and Mrs. Mamoera left for Sumatra on Sunday, November 7th, where they will spend approximately 5 months visiting her home in Kisaran and visiting his people in that same vicinity. They will return to Singapore in time for the session of the Malaya Annual Conference next year and then take up their work in Kapit on the staff of our Mission to the Dyaks.

Kampar

Anglo Chinese School. In recent months this school has been honoured by the visit of various prominent people. For instance, the Annual Athletic Sports in July was honoured by the presence of the Hon'ble Mr. J. I. Miller, M.C.S., British Adviser, Perak, and Mrs. Miller, and Mr. H.A.L. Luckham, D.C. Kinta, and Mrs. Luckham. Lt. Col. R.F.M. Drake-Brockman, Chairman, Kinta Town Board, paid a farewell visit to the school and addressed the upper school Assembly. In September Dr. M. Dodsworth and the Rev. T. Runyan visited the school and attended a tiffin in honour of the Normal Students who achieved a 100% pass. Mr. Richard Sidney, Editor, "Young Malayans", Mr. W. F. Brieve, the new A.D.O., the Rev. and Mrs. B. H. Baughman, Mr. Tom Frost and Rev. P. L. Peach were also among the recent visitors.

The most recent visitor was the Hon'ble Mr. H. R. Cheeseman, C.M.G., Director of Education, Federation of Malaya, who was entertained at what might be regarded as his first farewell function before retirement. Mr. Cheeseman listened to a debate in the Literary Society and then addressed the pupils. Later, a very representative group of teachers of English and Vernacular Schools, leaders of communities and heads of departments gathered at the Hung Thoe Yuen Restaurant to entertain Mr. Cheeseman at a farewell luncheon which was presided over by Mr. Ng Yin Fong, one of Mr. Cheeseman's Old Boys in Penang. Mr. V. D. Kuppusamy, Principal of the A.C.S., paid a well-deserved tribute to Mr. Cheeseman's services to the country over a period of 41 years, in the fields of education, scouting and public service. Miss Chow Oi presented Mr. Cheeseman with an autographed book as a memento of his visit. Mr. Cheeseman, in his reply, thanked the hosts for the function in his honour, and referring to his visit to the A.C.S. Kampar earlier

Rev. and Mrs. Abel Eklund with new teachers about to depart for the Methodist Girls School, Raub. They are Lucy Fang, Ivy Samuel, and Anna Gurusamy

in the day, said that he was very pleased with the work that was going on, and was particularly impressed with the modern methods being used and that "hand and eye" activity had its proper place in the curriculum. He was happy to observe that the school was keeping abreast of the times, and had modern equipment including a public address system with loudspeakers in every class-room.

Through the kindness of Messrs. Ping Onn Aerated Water Co. Kampar, who contributed $500/- it was possible to construct a reinforced concrete bridge connecting the two main buildings of this school, and this has proved to be a great convenience to everyone.

In the field of sports, one of our teachers, Mr. V. Kandiah, achieved distinction by winning the Championships at the Perak Indian Athletic Sports and the Perak Amateur Athletic Sports, and the High Jump in the Malayan Indian Athletic Sports.

MYF. The MYF holds fortnightly devotional meetings and about 35 attend regularly.

Sunday School. Last year the attendance was more than 200, but for the greater part of this year, it has been about 140. But this term a Banner Competition was introduced and there has been a remarkable improvement in the attendance so much so that on Sunday, October 17th, the attendance was 198. They expect to improve on this figure.

The late Mr. D. C. Gong

Sitiawan

Memorial Service—A.C.S. Hall. During the second week of September, a Memorial Service was held in the A.C.S. Hall to commemorate the memory of the late Mr. D. C. Gong (Principal 1920-25, Vice-principal 1935-41). By his death the school and Sitiawan community lost a great leader and friend.

Mr. Gong was born in China on 23rd August, 1897. He passed his Elementary Chinese School Examination when he was about twelve years of age and with his mother he came to Sitiawan. Then he worked as a cook's boy in a shop where his father was also employed. Later he learned how to tap rubber in the Mission Rubber Plantation with Mr. Diong Miau Soong. In the early morning he had to tap rubber and then he spent the rest of the day studying English in the A.C.S. He was very studious and studied at the counter of his father's shop at night.

After passing the Seventh Std., he became a teacher in the school for about three years and then he was transfered to the A.C.S., Ipoh, where he could join the Normal Class. Later he was put in charge of the Horley Hall Boarding School. After passing his Normal course he was transfered back to Sitiawan and was headmaster of the A.C.S., for five years. He continued on the staff of the school till the Japanese invaded this country and took him away.

During his life the late Mr. D. C. Gong contributed generously to the churches, schools and other organisations. He was once the President of the Y.M.C.A., a committee member of the Chinese Rubber Grocer's Association, a committee member of the Hokkien Hui Kuan, and Committee Member and Hon. Secretary of the Chung Hua Kung Hui. He was one of the organizers of the Chinese Maternity Hospital and later was Hon. Secretary of this hospital. He was also gazetted as one of the assessors to the District Court, Sitiawan. Besides all this, he played a leading role in various other organizations and schools and became an A.R.P. warden in 1941. He always took a keen interest in church work.

He was arrested and forcibly taken away from his house in the early hours of the 15th March, 1942, by the Japanese. The school, the Church and the community greatly bemoan his death. He leaves behind his wife, three daughters and five sons.

One-Day Rally. The MYF, Sitiawan, held a one-day rally in the Anglo Chinese School Hall on the 2nd November, 1948. There were 153 members present including teachers, students and friends. Four groups namely A, B, C, D, competed in the Rally. The chairmen of the four commissions were the leaders of the groups. The programme consisted of a morning watch, a devotional meeting, Bible classes, a social and a concert.

Points were alloted to the games and Devotional Meetings. "C" Group under the leadership of Mr. Ngoi Ee How became the champions, while "D" Group under Mr. Khew Khoon Phong and Mrs. Teh Gin Sooi were the Runners-up. The prizes were contributed by the Dean, Mr. Wong Hean Kim and Miss M. Dirksen gave them out. The Rally began at 7 a.m. and ended at 6.30 p.m. All the sessions were very well attended. The speakers were Miss Dirksen, Messrs. Wong Hean Kim, Tai Swee Kee, Ling Chew Siang, and Rev. Chen. Mrs. Wong Hean Kim and Mrs. Teh Gin Sooi supervised the food section. They served a grand Chicken Curry Tiffin. The entrance fee for each member was $1.50.

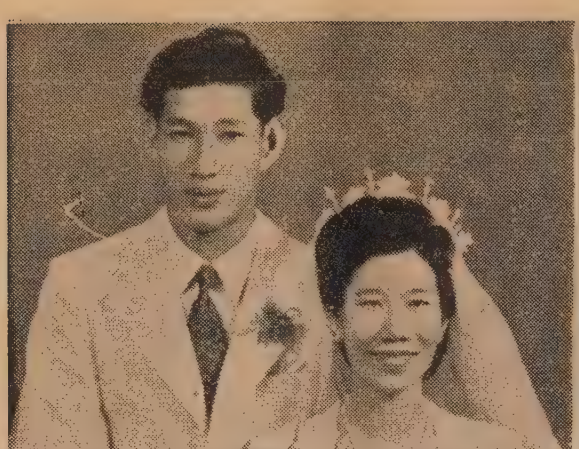
Malacca

M.G.S. Concert. This was given in aid of the School Building Fund and presented in three matinees on the 5th, 8th, and 9th of November and one special performance for the public on the 12th. The principal item on the program was "Scenes from Orpheus". The goal of $4,000 is hoped to be reached. They had collected $3,000 before the first performance.

General News. Dr. and Mrs. Dodsworth were welcome guests of the Malacca Methodists at several functions in October.

The M.Y.F. had a very successful Sakai dinner and programme. Everything was most appropriate for the occasion.

The Wesley Church Quarterly Conference was



Mr. and Mrs. Tan Boon Siang

Thomas

A Vesper Service in Trinity College Chapel after the dossal and curtain had been hung

conducted by Dr. Dodsworth. Reports were given and a few forward steps were planned. Following the meeting the W.S.C.S. served a delicious supper where all enjoyed the food and fellowship. Friends and members of the other churches joined the group for an informal meeting at which Dr. Dodsworth shared his experiences of the recent trip to the General Conference in Boston.

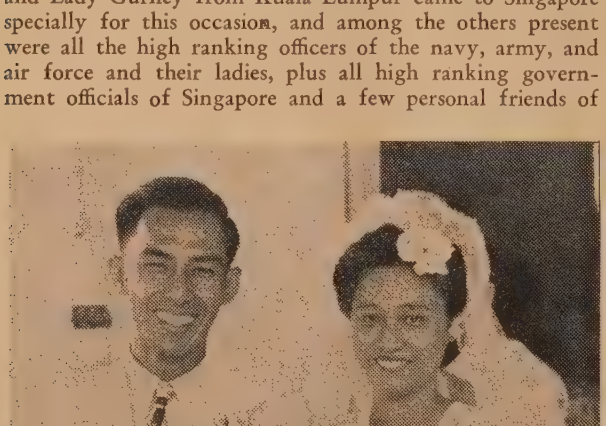
Singapore

Investiture of Chinese Knight. On Wednesday evening, November 3rd, at Government House, following a dinner in honour of Sir Han Hoe and Lady Lim, His Excellency, Sir Franklin Gimson, asked the Chief Justice of Singapore to read the rescript, signed by King George VI, making Dr. Lim Han Hoe a Knight Companion of the British Empire. Thereupon His Excellency proposed a toast in honour of Sir Han Hoe Lim. Sir Henry Gurney and Lady Gurney from Kuala Lumpur came to Singapore specially for this occasion, and among the others present were all the high ranking officers of the navy, army, and air force and their ladies, plus all high ranking government officials of Singapore and a few personal friends of Sir Han Hoe and Lady Lim. Among these friends were Dr. and Mrs. Goh Kok Kee and Dr. and Mrs. H. B. Amstutz.

Trinity College Chapel. The lovely little chapel at Trinity College was the scene of two weddings in October. Both of the brides were former students of the Eveland Seminary and the Malaya Methodist Theological College.

The first wedding was that of Miss Bertha Tan to Mr. Neo Seng Kee on Saturday morning, October 16th. Both of these young people have been very active workers in the Straits Chinese Church, particularly in the Straits MYF. Miss Tan is a teacher in the Rangoon Road Government School and Mr. Neo is a clerk in a Singapore business firm. At present they are making their home with the bride's parents.

On Friday, October 22nd, Miss Liau Nyuk Chin and Mr. Tan Boon Siang were united in marriage. Miss Liau is very well known in Singapore as a musician, pianist and organist, a pupil of Mrs. Sylvia Barnes Thomas. Mr. Tan, her husband, is a building supervisor.



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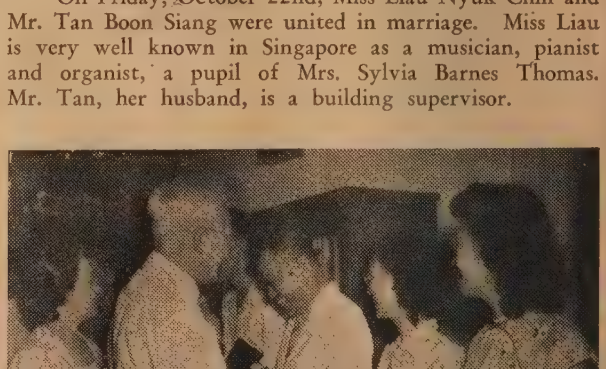

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Welcoming the Charter Students of Trinity College after the Opening Service

Straits Times

Historic Opening of Trinity College

The chapel seats 58 people apart from those on the chancel and the chair for the pianist. It is equipped with a new piano, a very beautiful dark red dossal, plus other furniture. It is hoped soon to add the remaining items needed for the chancel.

The first Service of Holy Communion in the Chapel was conducted by the Rev. Leonard Wilson, Bishop of Singapore, on November 16th.

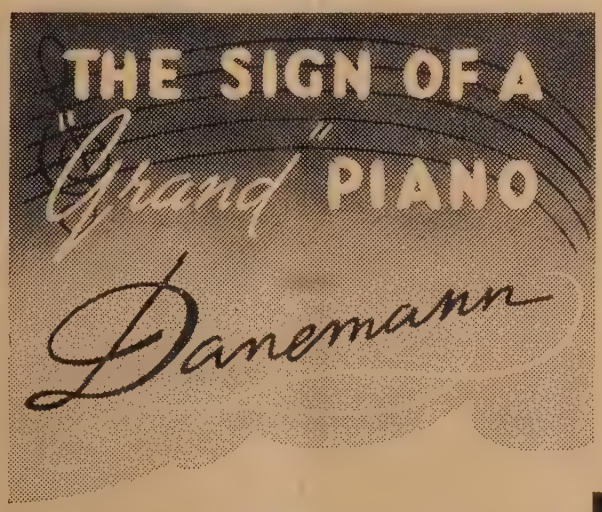
Trinity College Classes. The classes gradually increased from the opening week onwards until the College now has 55 external students in addition to the 9 students who are in residence. Two of these classes are conducted in Mandarin and serve non-English speaking Church leaders and would-be Church workers of the future.

Segamat

Methodists worship in new club. The new Asiatic Club belonging to the Ulu Remis Oil Palm Plantations, Layang Layang, was opened and dedicated on the 19th October. The building cost a total of $22,000. It is the only Asiatic Club for the Asiatic workers in the Kluang district. Mr. Thorborn, Manager of these plantations, has given permission for Christian services of worship to be held in the club, and the Rev. S. M. Pandian, who conducted the service of dedication, holds a Methodist service once every month.

Thomas

A Trinity College Class in session



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Our Boys and Girls

THE STORY OF A CAROL

Nearly all girls and boys know that Martin Luther wrote the Christmas carol, "Away in a Manger" for his little son. Another father - Dr. John Byrom - wrote a carol we all know very well as a Christmas present for his daughter. This is the "might have been" story of how it came to be written.

ONE WINTRY AFTERNOON nearly two hundred years ago, a little girl sat stitching at her sampler. Outside, a wild wind raced through the bare trees, and whipped the branches till those nearest the grey stone house brushed the windows. The little sound they made startled the little girl; she looked up, dropped her sewing and ran to the window. Perhaps as she stared out at the December storm she thought of bare moors where the rain slashed over the brown heather, drenching the fugitives who hid in the glens of Scotland from King George's men, loyal even in defeat to Bonnie Prince Charlie. For that was the year 1745, and even the daughter of a respected Lancashire doctor must have felt the touch of romance.

Reluctantly enough, Dolly returned to her cross-stitch.

"Sit up, Miss Dolly," said the reprimanding voice of her old nurse. Dolly braced up her drooping shoulders; she was a lanky child, taking after her father.

"May I not stop now?" she said plaintively. "Tis barely light enough to see, in any case."

The old nurse bore the sampler to the window and scrutinised it critically. "Not amiss," she admitted.

"Yet you will have to bestir yourself, child, if it is to be ready for your good aunt this Christmas tide."

"I don't like sewing," said Dolly sadly. "Everybody sews—every girl, that is to say. I wish something different could happen to me. I wish.....Oh, there's father!" An entirely different note rang in the last three words, and she turned to greet Dr. Byrom with a face aglow with daughterly love that, to modern ideas, assorted strangely with the formal curtsey she dropped him.

But fathers and daughters were much the same in the eighteenth century as in these modern times, and very soon, big girl as she was, Dolly was perched on the arm of the chair where Doctor Byrom's lanky length stretched before the log fire.

"You are tall, father!" she teased.

"They'll have to make a horse to fit me my dear," Dr. Byrom replied solemnly. "I give you my word of honour, I've searched the shire for one high enough, and on the best I tried my legs were a-drag behind me!

They laughed together at this comical plight. Yet, tease him as she did, Dolly was very proud of her tall, clever father, who wrote for the *Spectator* magazine, and had great men like Mr. John Wesley and Mr. William Law for his friends. She only wished that she, like him, could go over the sea to France and learn to be a doctor, and come back and be famous as he was. But of course such things were not for young ladies; they had to stay at home and stitch samplers for their aunt's Christmas presents.

Dolly spoke, not for the first time, of this to her father.

"Take Christmas, for example," she said. "I must needs work a sampler for Aunt Emily; and she will give me a thimble, and Aunt Esther will give me perhaps a hussif; and you will mayhap give me a phial of sweet lavender water, or some such ladylike thing!" The disgust in his little daughter's voice amused Dr. Byrom, but he understood and loved her too well to laugh.

"Well, my Dolly," he said, "I know now that whatever my Christmas gift to you must be, it must not be lavender! I promise I will give my daughter something quite different from any other present she has ever had or ever will have; something of which there is not a second in the whole wide world; something that shall be hers, and hers alone!"

"Oh, father," said Dolly breathlessly, "What is it? Do tell me! I know Aunt Emily considers books to be unladylike! but could it be a book?"

Dr. Byrom shook his head. "Not exactly a book," he said tantalisingly, "and not exactly not a book!" He reached for his wide, low-crowned hat and his crooked stick and went out, leaving a puzzled and excited daughter behind.

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The next Sunday Dolly went with her father to service at the chapel of Chetham's Hospital which was not a hospital for sick people, but a big boys' school. Dolly always enjoyed service there; it seemed much more interesting than in the small dark parish church, particularly when the boys sang one of the hymns her father had written specially for them. "I'd rather write hymns for the lads than to be poet laureate," he used to say.

"I wish you'd write a hymn for me," she suggested to Dr. Byrom on the way home.

He looked at her sharply to see if she had guessed what was in his mind, but realising that her remark was a chance shot, merely answered, "Why, what would you do with a hymn, daughter?"

"I'd know what to do with it," insisted Dolly. "Will you, father, some time?"

"Perhaps, perhaps," said Dr. Byrom and changed the subject.

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Christmas Eve came. The sampler was finished and duly wrapped and labelled. The comfortable stone house at Kersall Cell was full of cookery scents, of puddings and spices and mince pies. Dolly was late to bed, and slept next morning through sheer excitement. Her father was astir before her, going downstairs to put something by his daughter's plate. He stood by the fire, and watched her come running downstairs.

"Merry Christmas, father dear!" She dropped her curtsey and then kissed him. Then she turned to the table.

"My present!" The present that is to be different, and special, and...." She caught sight of the square white paper, broke the wafer that sealed it, and opened a sheet written in her father's careful hand.

" 'Christmas Day for Dolly' " she read from its heading then glanced down the page.

"Father! Is it really for me? It's a new hymn, a hymn. It's a Christmas carol! Oh, father, have you made it for me, all for me?"

They read it together, taller father looking over tall daughter's shoulder.

Christians, awake!..Salute the happy morn
Whereon the Saviour of mankind was born.
Rise to adore the mystery of love
Which hosts of angels chanted from above....

and so through the dignified, stately verses that yet pulsed with the Christmas joy, that is the most wonderful joy of all. Dolly's voice grew breathless with excitement; it was her father who read the last verse:

O may we keep and ponder in our mind
God's wondrous love in saving lost mankind!
Trace we the Babe who has redeemed our loss....

and so to the end.

"Father, how ever can I thank you?" said Dolly. "It's the best Christmas present a girl ever had."

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Other people soon came to agree with Dolly. It was always specially "her" carol, but the next year, 1746, Mr. Harrop published it in his *Manchester Mercury;* and Dolly was more than a little thrilled to see it in print. Mr. Wainwright, the Organist of Manchester Parish Church, made a special note of it; and from his brain and pen came the tune we know and sing.

A year or two later, when Christmas time approached, he had a happy thought. He taught his choristers both hymn and tune, and on Christmas Eve the party of them journeyed out to Kersall Cell. They stood in the frosty starlight, and when John Wainwright gave the signal the boys' voices, clear and true, rang out in that lifting stave of joy:

Christians awake! Salute the happy morn
Whereon the Saviour of mankind was born.

Dolly within the house heard it with special pride. "My carol," she said.

by Lilian E. Cox
from *Further Christmas-Tide Stories.*

The Story of Good King Wenceslas

LONG, LONG AGO, in his great stone castle among the mountains the good King Wenceslas stood looking out of the forest below. It was the day after Christmas day. The white snow lay thick everywhere, bowing the branches of the great fir trees, and covering the ground like a soft carpet. The dogs stayed indoors to-day. The little page who served the King crept close to the big log fire that sparkled merrily on the hearth. But—

"Good King Wenceslas looked out, on the feast of Stephen—
Then the snow lay round about, deep and crisp and even."
Suddenly he called the boy to the window and pointed.
"Hither, page, and stand by me, if thou knowest it telling:
Yonder peasant who is he? Where and what his dwelling?"

The page looked out and saw far below a poor man gathering sticks for firewood. The cold wind blew through his ragged clothes; his face was pale with cold; his foot-steps slow, as he shouldered his fuel and made his way towards his home. The page answered:-

"Sire he lives a good league hence, underneath the mountain,
Right against the forest fence, by St. Agnes' fountain."

Now that very morning, when he praised God in the little chapel in the castle, the King had heard read the story of Stephen, and remembered how he went among those who were poor and suffering, and brought them food and clothing. So when he saw the poor man in the snow he determined to help him. He said—

"Bring me flesh and bring me wine, bring me pine logs hither.
Thou and I will see him dine, when we bear them thither."

So the page went quickly and collected food, a bottle of wine; a good roast goose that was already in the kitchen, and cakes and fruit, and a bundle of pine logs. Out from the castle they went into the clear air, and the ice-cold wind.

"Page and monarch forth they went, forth they went together.
Through the wild wind's loud lament, and the bitter weather."

Down the hill they went, through the snow, the King shouldering the heavy logs, and the boy carrying the basket. The red sun had long since set over the hills; the wind blew hard and cold, and the little page could hardly struggle on.

"Sire," he cried, "the night grows darker now.
And the wind blows stronger.
Fails my heart I know not how - I can go no longer."

The King turned his head at the sound of the cry, and his voice sounded kind and cheerful in the darkness.

"Mark my footsteps, my good page, tread thou in them boldly,
Thou shalt find the winter's rage freeze thy blood less coldly."

So he went on in front. Wherever the King set his his feet the little page set his. The big King's body sheltered him from the wind, and it seemed to him as they went on in the darkness that wherever the King

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Miss Mabel Mitchell

Miss Glenys Cobeen

Miss Ann Harder

Malayan Recruits of 1948

MISS ANN HARDER was one of the new arrivals at the time of the Annual Conferences in January. She was, first of all, assigned to the Methodist Girls School, Kuala Lumpur, and then transferred in September to the Anglo Chinese Girls' School, Penang, where she is the principal taking the place of Miss Lila Corbett.

Miss Harder spent 20 years as a teacher in the Public Schools of California. In 1928 she earned the M.A. degree from the University of California, and since then, has taken various short courses in a number of Colleges and Universities during holiday periods. During her last seven years in California she served as Dean of girls in one of the Kern County Schools along with her teaching work. After having 20 years of work as a teacher in California she retired and then responded to a call from the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Church to serve in our large high school in Buenos Aires, Argentina, where Dr. H. H. Peterson was the principal. Following her return to the U.S.A. from Argentina she accepted this appointment to Malaya.

ANOTHER NEW RECRUIT, who arrived toward the end of 1947, was Miss Mabel Mitchell, from Ava, Missouri. She is a graduate of Springfield State College, Missouri, and she has both the B.A. and the B.S. degrees.

Miss Mitchell taught five years in her home State before coming to Singapore. Two of those years were in an elementary school and then she taught English and Speech in the largest Consolidated School in the State.

Miss Mitchell joined the staff of the Methodist Girls School, Singapore, and teaches Std. V. Her special interest has always been dramatics. She played a leading role in a play given in the Wesley Church, Singapore, W.S.C.S. Concert and in the same play when given in a Y.M.C.A. Concert which followed two months later. She also taught dramatics at the Trinity College Extension Course in Malacca in September.

MISS GLENYS COBEEN arrived in Singapore on August 12th and stayed with Rev. and Mrs. W. S. Reinoehl until September 15th, when she went to Frasers Hill in order to open a new school about October 1st.

Miss Cobeen is a graduate of Iowa State Teachers College and has had many years of teaching experience in American elementary and high schools. She has studied at the University of Southern California and received her B.A. degree from Whittier College, California.

At the same time Miss Cobeen has served extensively in various churches in Southern California as a worker with young people, as organist and choir director, and as church secretary. She was connected for some years with the Euclid Heights Methodist Church in Los Angeles, the same church which the Rev. and Mrs. W. S. Reinoehl served for about a year during the war.

THE REV. AND MRS. WILLIAM FOSTER, are early 1948 arrivals in Malaya and were assigned to Taiping, where they have been working ever since. Mr. Foster is the pastor of the Wesley Church, Taiping, and has reorganised the Tamil congregation and also organised a Monthly English Service of Worship in Sitiawan.

Mr. Foster spent 4 years as a U.S. Marine. While serving in the U.S. Marine Corps he was stationed for 15 months in a municipal police force at Olongapo, Philippine Islands. This period provided a rich and varied experience as it was necessary to serve in many different capacities, ranging all the way from sanitation officer to midwife, and from U.S. Navy Yard guard duty to jungle patrol searching for criminals. In 1937 he was transferred to China and the first year there was spent in patrol work along the Yangtze River and in athletics. After a 4 months trip to the U.S.A. the 6th Regiment, of which he was a member, was called to China to defend the International Settlement of Shanghai. During this time the Japanese took over the Shanghai sector and destroyed a

The Sneads: Betty, Larry, Mary Carol, and Paul K.

great part of the city of Shanghai. Mr. Foster's interest in and participation in national athletics led to brief trips to Australia, Singapore, Hawaii, Guam, Japan, and Russia, prior to the Pacific war.

Mr. and Mrs. Foster are both graduates from John Brown University, Siloam Springs, Arkansas. It was at John Brown University that he met Mrs. Foster. Her father was a member of the North West Texas Conference for forty years and, except for her college days, she has never lived outside a Methodist parsonage. Mrs. Foster is an expert stenographer and typist having won prizes for her skill. For three years she was the private secretary to Dr. A. T. Stephenson, who is Executive Secretary of the Superannuates Relief Association of the Rock River Conference. Mr. and Mrs. Foster are the proud parents of a son, William Paul, who was born in 1946.

Mr. Foster is a very keen hunter and a crack shot with rifle and shot-gun. He has already made quite a name for himself as a marksman and hunter in Perak, and has to his credit a tiger, a black panther, and many wild pigs.

By the action of the mid-year Cabinet Meeting, of the Malaya Annual Conference, the Fosters have been transferred from Taiping to Ipoh where Mr. Foster will be the pastor of the Wesley Church. At the same time he will continue to act as pastor of the Wesley Church, Taiping, and be in charge of the English services in Sitiawan. The Fosters had made a real place for themselves in Taiping and are greatly missed there.

THE REV. AND MRS. PAUL K. SNEAD arrived in Penang on May 29th and have been assigned to the work of the Telok Anson district. Mr. Snead is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Alfred C. Snead who, for many years, were missionaries in India, under the Christian and Missionary Alliance. Subsequently his father has been the Foreign Secretary of this Mission and has travelled widely throughout this part of the world.

Mr. Snead studied at the Missionary Training Institute, Nyack, New York, at Asbury College, Wilmore, Ky, then took his Master's degree at New York University, and, in March 1948, completed an additional year of graduate study at Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Illinois. Prior to becoming a missionary Mr. Snead was the pastor of a church in the state of Georgia and also taught school there for some time. In 1940-41, he taught in a school for missionary children in French Indo-China. When the Japanese infiltrated into French Indo-China the Sneads were evacuated to the Philippines in late 1941, and, following the surrender of the Philippines they hid in the hills for one year and then spent the rest of the time as prisoners in several internment camps.

Mrs. Elizabeth Snead is the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. B. L. Betts. Her father is a Methodist Minister in Georgia. Mrs. Snead studied at Asbury College, Ky., in the Missionary Training Institute at Nyack, and is a graduate of the National College of Education in Evanston. She also took some work with her husband last summer at Garrett.

The Sneads have two children, Paul Lawrence, aged 9 years, and Mary Carol, aged 7 years.

THE MOST RECENT ARRIVAL to join the forces of the Methodist Mission in Malaya is the Rev. Sprigg Harwood, M.A., who is now on the staff of the Anglo Chinese School, Penang. Mr. Harwood was born in Baltimore, Maryland. He took his B.A. degree at Western Maryland College and his B.D. degree at Westminster

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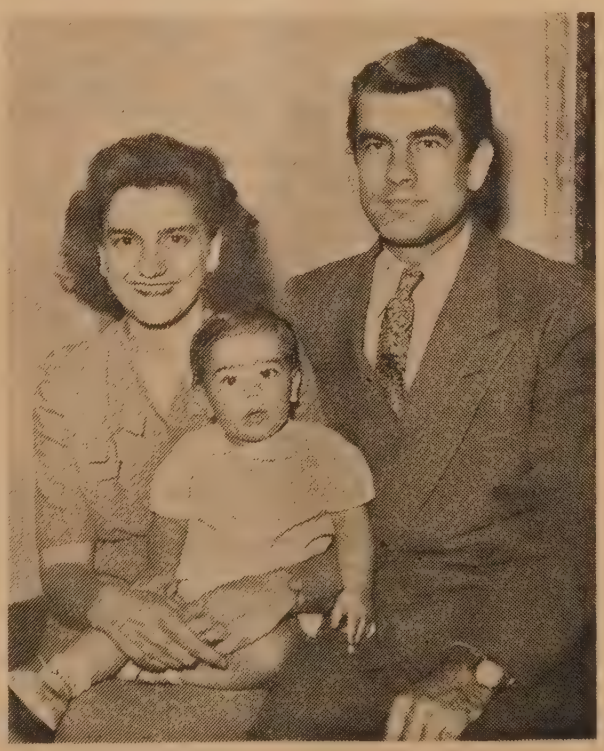

The Fosters: Lila, Billy and William

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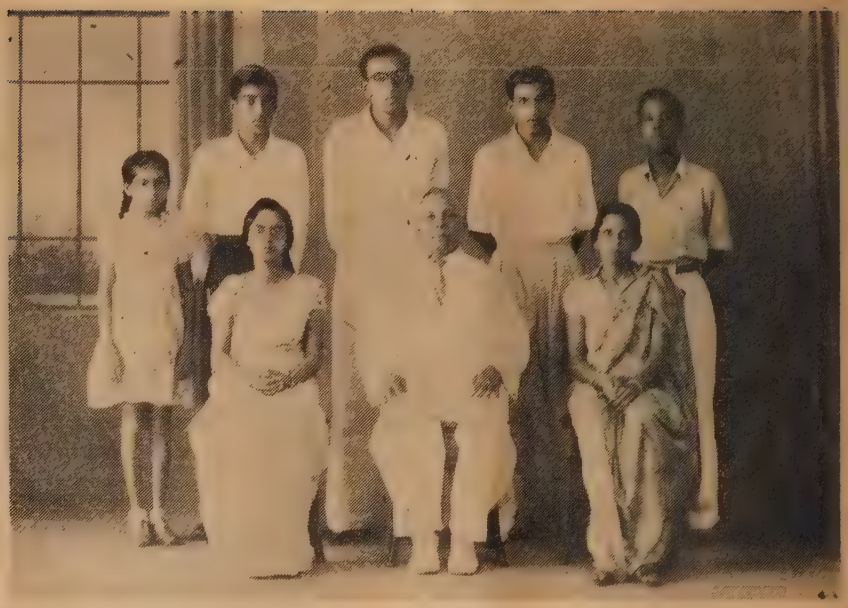

The Rev. and Mrs. S. S. Pakianathan and their family

A PASTOR AND TEACHER FOR FORTY-SEVEN YEARS

THE REV. SOLOMON S. PAKIANATHAN was born in Maruthakulam Tirunelveli District, South India, on the 17th July, 1881. He came to Malaya in January 1902 and was appointed teacher in Penang on the 4th April, 1902. He had taken a four-year course in the High School at Palamcottah and sat for the Madras Matriculation Examination in December 1901. At Telok Anson he passed the Senior Normal Examination in September 1920 and the Senior Cambridge in December of the same year. He was unable to sit for this examination earlier due to having worked so many years in Sumatra.

Mr. Pakianathan was the second Asian District Superintendent to be appointed in Malayan Methodism. The first Asian Superintendent was the late Rev. Samuel Abraham who died in 1918. Mr. Pakianathan's appointment as superintendent came in 1931. Today we have eight Asian superintendents in our two Conferences.

Mr. Pakianathan was appointed as an assistant teacher of the Anglo Tamil School, Dato Kramat, Penang, in 1892. The year following he was transferred to the Anglo Chinese School at Bukit Mertajam. There for a while he acted as Headmaster and it was the most promising of the three Anglo Chinese Schools in Province Wellesley at that time. In February, 1906, he was sent to Gagan Serai to open a new school but soon after was sent to Medan by the late Rev. G. F. Pykett. In Medan he taught in a school run by an ex-pupil of the Anglo Chinese School, Penang. During his three years there he also conducted a Sunday school for students and ex-students of the A.C.S., Penang. From subscriptions collected from these students the Chinese Church work was begun by the late Rev. Ng Kuan Jiu who came over at his request, and the work was financed by Mr. Pakianathan.

In February, 1909, he was transferred to the Methodist English School at Buitenzorg, Java. The late Rev. Charles Buchanan was also in the same school and the Rev. Khoo Chiang Bee was pastor of the Chinese Church. Shortly after arriving in Java, Dr. J. R. Denyes, who was Superintendent of both Sumatra and Java, sent Mr. Pakianathan to Palembang to see if it was possible to open Methodist work in Sumatra as well. He walked the streets of Palembang for 4 days and then wrote to Dr. Denyes saying that there was a real opportunity there. Subsequently Dr. Denyes obtained permission from the authorities to open the Methodist English School and Church and gave Mr. Pakianathan 75 guilders to equip the school. The school was started in the Malay section of the city with 5 boys, two were Chinese, one Malay and one a Tamil Indian Mohammedan. As the school grew other teachers joined the staff, including Mr. J. Milton David. In the 9 years that he was in charge it grew until there was a staff of 9 teachers. At the same time he organized a Malay-speaking congregation and was pastor of that congregation for 7 years. There were no Tamil people in the region and so there could be no Tamil service. The Chinese congregation was also formed with a Sunday School and an Epworth League. Before leaving Palembang for Malaya, with the aid of the Rev. H. B. Mansell, District Superintendant, he collected 17,000 guilders from the public for a school building and church.

In 1911 Mr. Pakianathan returned home to India where he married the first Mrs. Pakianathan. Their eldest son, Samuel, was born there and three years later Mrs. Pakianathan gave birth to twins. Unfortunately, very soon after, the mother and both children died. In September 1917, he left Sumatra for good and went to India on leave where he married a second time and was appointed, upon his return, to the pastorate of the Tamil Church and Headmaster of the A.C.S. Branch School at Dato Kramat, Penang. At the following Conference in January 1918, he was ordained Deacon. In 1919 he was

sent as pastor of the Tamil Church and Headmaster of the A.C.S. in Telok Anson, taking the place of Mr. W. E. Jones, a missionary. At that time the school numbered 152 pupils and had classes only up to Std. Six. During the period of his principalship the enrolment increased to 320, the School having a Senior Cambridge Class and 9 teachers on the staff, among whom were Mr. V. D. Kuppusamy, and Mr. W. E. Perera, who is the present principal of the A.C.S. Telok Anson. The Tamil Church work extended from Bagan Datoh to Kuala Kubu in Selangor and he was assisted by the Rev. L. A. Samuel, the Rev. S. M. Rajamoney, and the Rev. A. Devadason.

In February, 1924 he was transferred to the pastorate of the Singapore Tamil Church and to the staff of the A.C.S. During this pastorate in 1926 the new building and parsonage and hall at No. 1, Short Street, were built costing $42,000. His daughter Sornam, who is now on the staff of the A.C.G.S. Ipoh, was born during this period but unfortunately, her mother died in 1927.

The following year Mr. Pakianathan was transferred to the Kuala Lumpur Tamil Church and to the staff of the Methodist Boys' School. In 1931 he became the first Indian District Superintendent and was put in charge of the Perak Tamil District and was made Manager of the Anglo Chinese Schools at Tanjong Rambutan, Bruas, and Sungei Siput. He also opened the schools at Kuala Kubu Bahru, Tanjong Malim, and Sungkai.

The following year Mr. Pakianathan made an important decision in severing his relationship with the Day Schools and giving himself as a full time minister to the work in the Tamil Methodist Churches. Bishop Lee appointed him as superintendent of the Perak—Selangor Tamil District which also included the State of Pahang. The same year he became the first President of the newly-formed Home Missionary Society. In that year he also opened schools at Banting, Kapar, and Mentakab. In 1933 he married the present Mrs. Pakianathan. In February 1934 the Pakianathans returned to the Singapore Tamil Church following the death of the Rev. M. R. Doraisamy. The Southern Tamil District was formed and the A.C.S. at Johore Bahru and the Tamil School at Tampin were started during this period. The same year the Manager of the Alexandra Brickworks built a chapel for the congregation that he had organised. A night school and a Tamil library were also started for the benefit of the Christian labourers. Two of his sons, Gunaratnam 17 years old, and Gunasilam 5 months old, died in Singapore during this period. In 1938 he became the Superintendent of the Central Tamil District.

Mr. Pakianathan remained in Kuala Lumpur as pastor of the Tamil Church throughout the period of the Japanese occupation and continued the supervision of that district. Due to serious illness he had been retired at the December Conference, 1941, but following his subsequent complete recovery, the September 1942 Conference nullified the action taken. Following the war, in September 1946, Mr. Pakianathan was transferred to Ipoh where he is stationed at present.

Mr. and Mrs. Pakianathan and Sornam have just returned from leave visiting Southern India. Mr. Pakianathan travelled widely through this area visiting Tamil Churches, schools and colleges and secured a large amount of Christian Literature for the Methodist Book Room for use in the Tamil Churches.

He served the Home Missionary Society for 10 years as its president. He has, without exception, taught in the Tamil Pastors Schools which have been held since 1927 under the direction of Dr. H. B. Amstutz, and in 1939 he assisted Dr. Amstutz in the Chinese Pastors School at Sibu, Sarawak. He was also the first Editor of the Tamil Methodist magazine *The Light of Salvation*. In 1932 he was one of the 10 delegates from Malaya to the Central Conference at Manila. Mr. Pakianathan completes this year 47 years of continuous service with The Methodist Church in Malaya, Sumatra and Java.

Good King Wenceslas

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trod, even the snow grew warm, as if to help them on their errand.

"In his master's steps he trod, where the snow lay dinted.
Heat was in the very sod which the saint had printed."

On they went, till they reached the little cottage, and there they knocked and entered, bringing their gifts. How the pine logs burned and glowed on the poor man's fire, and what a feast they made that evening in the little house! And then out again they passed into the dark night and across the gleaming snow towards the stone castle among the mountains. Cold blew the wind across the snow, but the King and the page felt it hardly at all, for they remembered the bright fire in the little house, and the glad face of the man whom they had helped. Cold and white lay the snow all round them, but the King and the page forgot it. For their hearts were warm with love to our Lord Jesus Christ, Whose birthday time men keep by doing kindness to all men whom He called brothers and especially to the poor.

Many years afterwards men wrote down the story of Good King Wenceslas in a song to be sung at Christmas time, and this is how the song ends:-

"Therefore, Christian men, be sure, wealth or rank possessing,
Ye who now would bless the poor, shall yourselves find blessing."

From, *"Christmas-Tide Stories"* by Vera E. Walker.

This little carol was written by an English girl of ten years.

LORD JESUS

In a manger there He lay
Wrapped in linen and in hay;
There he lay that Saviour true,
And all the world seemed bright and new.
Shepherds in the fields afar
Saw a bright and shining star;
They followed in its heavenly light
Through the dark and bitter night.

MYF

What's Going On In the Malayan MYF

Compiled by ERIC WEE

Your Secretary Speaks

Dear MYF'ers,

The Malayan MYF Council met at Kuala Lumpur on 31st October and 1st November 1948 and plans have been formulated for the coming year. We hope that Districts and Chapters will carefully study these plans and prayerfully set about the job.

As we face another year with the unknown before us, let us "put our hands into the hands of God" and with faith, hope and courage sally forth to be "doers of the word and not hearers only."

MYF Chapters and Districts will soon have to take stock of their personnel and think of electing new officers. This means you, and it is our earnest hope that these new leaders you will choose will be well-informed and prepared to do their jobs effectively.

Your Conference Secretary and Central Office exists with the specific purpose of keeping all of you informed on MYF matters and we shall be extremely happy to help you. For the purpose of co-ordinating work we hope that all information sought will follow this procedure: the MYF to its Cabinet; the Chapter Cabinet to its District Cabinet; the District Cabinet to the Central Office. We look forward to a closer co-ordination of our work and believe that with "Christ Above All' the victorious life will be ours.

Chairman of World Friendship Commission—Malaya Council

Mr. Earnest Lau, Chairman of the Commission of World Friendship Malaya Council, is now in the U.S.A. on further studies. The Council has nominated Mr. James Wong, c/o Methodist Boys' School, Kuala Lumpur, to fill this post. All Chapters please note and accord him your closest co-operation.

Programme for 1949

The Theme for 1949 will be ,'JESUS' WAY—OUR WAY." Districts and Chapters are requested to base their programmes on this Theme and to lay emphasis on this throughout the year.

"JESUS' WAY—OUR WAY"
"LEARNING JESUS' WAY"
—through prayerful devotional life
—through Bible Study
LIVING JESUS' WAY
—through building world peace
—through world relief and reconstruction

Goals for 1949

The Council has set 3 Goals for all MYFS to achieve. If we go about this in earnest, with humble, prayerful hearts, and with unfaltering faith in its achievement, we can do it.

1. *Membership Increase.* The goal is to get 2500 members for our MYF by the end of 1949. This can be achieved if each chapter and district will plan to increase its present membership by another 25%. Take stock of your membership. Add another 25% to it and set out to get those members. You will get them if you try.
2. *MYF Week.* To back up this first goal, Districts will be asked to observe a Methodist Youth Week in June 1949. This goal is Religious Education' This should be a week of intensive campaigning for membership and funds. Funds will be required to purchase audio-visual aids for each District so that Religious Education can be effectively presented to MYF'ers in the most interesting manner. Material on this will be forthcoming from the Central Office, but Chapters are asked to set aside the month of June specially for this project.
3. *Central Office Fund.* The need for a full-time Malayan Conference Secretary is not only apparent but urgent and the steps for raising the necessary funds to finance this office must be taken now. Only a full-time Secretary can deal effectively with chapter problems by visiting them, counselling members and helping them on with his experience of young people. Such a Fund will be opened in the near future and this will go to finance (a) a full-time Secretary (2) Secretary expenses (3) programme materials and religious education.

A minimum of $5000- will be needed annually to maintain this office and chapters can easily do it in the following manner. There are altogether 31 chapters now existing. Each chapter need only raise $160- annually or $13.35 per month to enable Central Office to realise this sum. This should in no way be difficult as past records have shown that chapters have been raising much larger sums for charitable purposes. Full details will be issued later, but it is felt that one of the many advantages of such a Fund will be that weaker chapters will get the help of stronger chapters. We hope that Cabinets will give this their fullest consideration.

Commission Chairmen

The status of Chairman of Commissions of the Malayan MYF has always been rather uncertain. We hope however that this can now be clearly defined. Chairmen of Commissions, Malaya, have been asked to contact district and Chapter Chairmen of Commissions and to work with them on the same procedure that applies to Central Office and District Chapters.

Chairmen of Commissions, Malaya, are now fully equipped with all the latest material on their Commissions. They will each issue a monthly or periodic bulletin on the work of their Commissions with suggested programme helps. District and Chapter Chairmen on Commissions are requested to keep in close touch with them. Any advice on Commissions and their work should be sought from the respective Chairmen of Commissions, Malaya.

In this connection it is hoped that all district and chapter Presidents will submit to the Conference Secretary a full list of names and addresses of their present Cabinet and their newly elected Cabinet for 1949.

Cabinet Officers (1948) of the Penang Wesley MYF, Rev. T. Runyon in centre

North and South District Institutes 1949

The Council has recommended that both forthcoming District Institutes adopt as their theme: "Jesus Way—Our Way." Watch out for more news of these Institutes.

Malaysia Message

While commending the various bulletins and magazines published by individual chapters the Council is of the opinion that MYF'ers could make more use of *The Malaysia Message.*

The Council has officially nominated the Ag. Conference Secretary to be the contributing editor of MYF news to *The Malaysia Message* and requests all chapters to send their news to him monthly. All MYF material sent direct to the Editor of *The Malaysia Message* will be re-directed to the Ag. Conference Secretary. It is hoped that chapters and districts will do this.

The Ag. Conference Secretary has also been directed to take orders for *The Malaysia Message* on behalf of chapters. Please place all orders for *The Malaysia Message* with him. Price per copy is $2/- per year payable in advance. In bulk orders of 10 or more at 15 cts. per copy.

MYF Constitution

The MYF Constitution adopted by the 1948 All Malayan General Business Meeting is binding. Copies of this Constitution with the necessary amendments are now available. Chapters are requested to abide by this Constitution. Any uncertainties as to interpretation should be referred through the channels advised.

Chapters have not been quite certain of the determination of membership in an MYF. Quoting from the Methodist Discipline Par. 1407 we find, ". . . When one becomes a member in the Youth Division in a local Methodist church, he is thereby a member of the Methodist Youth Fellowship." The MYF Manual clarifies this thus:—"Thus membership in the Methodist Youth Fellowship involves nothing in addition to the procedure you follow in receiving persons into the youth programme in your church. One does not have to be a "church member" to belong to the Methodist Youth Fellowship any more than one has to be a church member to belong to a Sunday School class."

I might add however that it is the aim of all MYF programmes to lead such ultimately to an acceptance of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Seremban stages a Fair

The Seremban MYF held a very successful Fair at the Anglo Chinese School building. Games and much Fun were enjoyed and good eats and drinks were served. A nett profit of $682.60 was derived from it.

The Committee have decided to divide the amount as follows:—

1.	The MYF	30%	$204.78
2.	School Attap Shed	10%	68.26
3.	Piano fund	10%	68.26
4.	Home Missionary Society	15%	102.39
5.	Conference Benevolences	15%	102.39
6.	Convent	5%	34.13
7.	Intermediate MYF	5%	34.13
8.	Welfare Fund	10%	68.26
	Total—	100%	$682.60

MORE OR LESS PERSONAL . . .

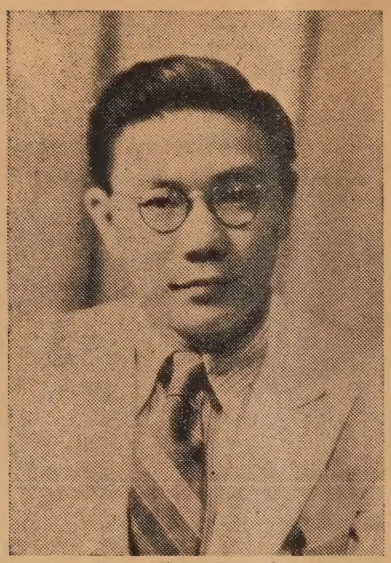
Mrs. Isaac P. Samuel with her veena

Mr. and Mrs. ISAAC PAUL SAMUEL returned to Ceylon from Singapore on October 6th. Mr. Samuel had come to Malaya with the Mountbatten staff in October 1945. Then in October 1947, while home on leave, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel were married and returned in November of the same year. Mr. Samuel is with R.A.S.C. and was the Chief Clerk of the Royal Military Police. He has now been assigned to duty in Colombo. While the Samuels were in Singapore they were very active in the work of the Tamil Church, and for five months Mr. Samuel assisted the Rev. S. M. Thevathasan as pastor of the Pasir Panjang Tamil Church. He was Chairman of the Commission on Worship and Evangelism of the Tamil MYF. Mrs. Samuel is a musician and plays the veena, an Indian musical instrument similar to a large guitar, and she also sings to her own accompaniment. She performed on Radio Malaya every month and has also given various concerts in the city, in the Tamil Church, for the Fortnightly Club of the Y.W.C.A., and in various homes.

A second daughter, SUSANNA, was born to Mr. and Mrs. D. G. JAYASEKARA in Taiping on 23rd October. Their other children are Ruth, Titus and Paul. Mr. Jayasekara works in the Electrical Department of the Government at Taiping. He has for many years been a very active leader in the Northern Malaya youth activities of our Church.

Miss EVA NELSON, principal for many years of the Eveland Seminary and in 1941 on the staff of the Malaya Methodist Theological College, is now the Dean of Women and Assistant Professor of Education at Dakota Wesleyan University, Mitchell, South Dakota.

Mr. ARTHUR CHOO CHONG SENG of Singapore is now a student at the University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon. He arrived in California on the 15th of August and has been very busy getting settled and doing a certain amount of visiting and sight-seeing. He has also been invited to speak on several occasions about the various phases of life in Malaya. Dr. Paul B. Means, former Editor of the Malaysia Message, is Professor of Religion at the University of Oregon.



Mr. Khoo Oon Soo

MR. KHOO OON SOO, eldest son of Rev. and Mrs. Khoo Cheng Hoe, who was awarded a Welfare Scholarship, left for England by the BOAC plane from Singapore on August 21, to take up a two-year course in Social Science and Juvenile Work. Mr. Oon Soon had been attached to the Welfare Department in Penang for more than two years and in the discharge of his duties had shown himself to be a promising Welfare Officer. In the Church he took a very active part, being until recently, the President of the Chinese MYF (English Section). He did very good work, especially during the Japanese regime, getting together many young people of the Church to form a Choir and an Orchestra, thus diverting them from other activities which were questionable and might have been detrimental to their morals. Mr. Oon Soo, who is deeply interested in 'Boys' Work, has made a good choice in taking up such a course which will fit him for the work he desires so much to do for the young people of Penang. We wish him every success.

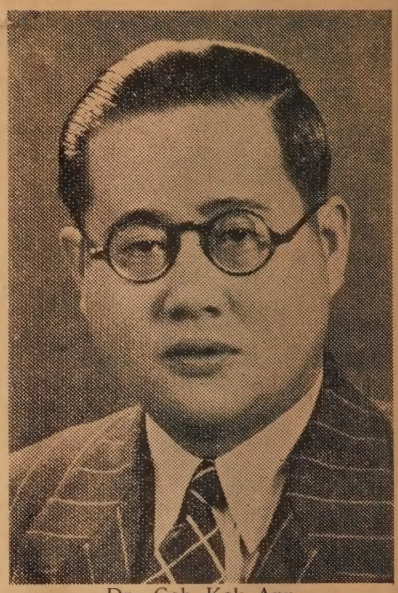
The Rev. and Mrs. HO SENG ONG are now deep in their work at the University of Denver. Mr. Ho writes that he has a very full programme which often keeps him at the University as late as 7 p.m. and that once a week Mrs. Ho has a class which ends at 9 p.m. They have learned the American way of doing their own cooking and household work, but state that with the modern equipment they have, these chores are not very onerous. Mr. Ho writes that they have met quite a number of ex-Malayan missionaries among whom he mentions are the Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Peat, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Silverthorn, Miss Jessie F. Brooks, a former principal of Holt Hall, Kuala Lumpur, Mrs. Esther Summers and her children, and relatives of the Eklunds and the Peaches.

BISHOP and MRS. CLEMENT ROCKEY of India made a one-day stop in Singapore on September 14th while their ship was in port. They had come from America after attending the General Conference and were returning to their area in India. They were the guests of Dr. and Mrs. H. B. Amstutz, and in the evening their hosts held a reception for them at which most of the Methodist leaders, ministerial and lay, of Singapore were present. Upon request the Bishop gave a masterly review of the political situation in India. Miss MAURINE CAVETT, a senior Burma missionary, travelled with them as far as Singapore and then transferred to a ship going direct to Rangoon. Miss Cavett was the guest of Dr. and Mrs. M. Dodsworth during her stay in Singapore.

Mr. HOMER CHENG, lay delegate of the Malaysia Chinese Conference to the General Conference at Boston last May, returned to Singapore on October 27th after having spent some months in study at Oxford University. During the vacation period he also had time to visit some in Europe, particularly at Amsterdam and at Caux, Switzerland, which is the centre of the Moral Re-Armament Group. Mr. Cheng was welcomed at the wharf by a large group of friends as well as interviewed by representatives of all the Singapore papers, Chinese and English.

The Rev. and Mrs. ABEL EKLUND spent a short holiday in Hongkong in October and returned to Kuala Lumpur via Singapore on November 3rd. While in Hongkong they met many former members and students of our Malayan Methodist Churches and schools. Among the medical students in Hongkong are Mr. LAU KIT SUN, Miss LAU YOKE HING, Messrs. CHAN SEANG YOON, YAP TUNG AI, TOO CHEE CHEONG, TEO CHOON SUN who are members of the Kuala Lumpur Wesley Church and graduates of our K.L. schools, Messrs. LAU HUN MING, CHIN NEOW KONG of the Wesley Church and A.C.S. Ipoh, and Mr. JESSE KOH of the Wesley Church and A.C.S. Klang. Among the doctors who are practising in Hongkong are the twin brothers, Dr. GOH KOK ANN and Dr. GOH KOK TEE formerly of Penang, and Dr. CHAN HEE CHOO, formerly of Klang. Dr. Chan is one of the medical advisers to the Hongkong government. The Deputy Director of Health Services, Hongkong, is Dr. YEO KOK CHEANG, M.D., D.P.H. (Cantab.) D.T.M. & H. (England) who is an old A.C.S. boy from Penang.

Dr. GOH KOK ANN, F.R.E.S., M.B.B.S., has recently been awarded a British Council Scholarship to study tuberculosis and children's diseases in



Dr. Goh Kok Ann

London. Dr. Goh is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, London, Member of the American Association of Industrial Physicians and Surgeons, Fellow of the Royal Empire Society, Medical Officer-in-Charge of Tarkow Dockyard and Engineering Co., Hon. Secretary of the Hongkong Chinese Medical Association, Committee member of Hongkong Rotary Club and Hongkong University Alumni Association, and a Committee member of the Chinese Methodist Church, Hongkong.

Malayan Recruits

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Seminary, Westminster, Maryland. Then in 1940 he did Graduate Work in English language and literature in Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, where he earned the M.A. degree. He has had wide teaching experience. In 1939 he was Registrar and Professor of English at Westminster Junior College and for two years was the President of the above College. From 1942-45 he was Professor of English at Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas. Then in 1946 he came to India as Professor of English at Lucknow Christian College, and for a six-months period he was instructor in Senior Cambridge at Woodstock High School, Mussoori, U.P., India. Mr. Harwood is an ordained minister of The Methodist Church and a member of the Central Texas Conference. He has had much experience in scouting, having been scoutmaster, cubmaster, and camp director.

Mr. Harwood is very happy to be in Penang and writes "I think Penang is one of the cleanest cities I have seen for a long time . . . in addition, the students here seem to have a fine attitude."

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